

# **WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of July 24, 2007 Meeting**

**Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor**

**7:00 pm**

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**Attendees: Richard J. Valente (RV), Edward J. Theberge (ET), John DaSilva (JD), Patricia Read (PR), Eileen Collins (EC), John Treat (JT), Chris Fuller (CF)**

**Location: Town Council Chambers - Warren Town Hall**

**Valente: Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM**

**Valente: No applicants present – This section is bypassed**

**Valente: Asked for a motion to approve Minutes from the June 26, 2007 meeting.**

**Read: Requested that minutes reflect that she observed that Mr. Simao's request to add dormers is a prelude to adding another story.**

**Valente: so moved, requested a motion to approve June 26, 2007 minutes as amended. Motion by PR, 2nd by ET, approved unanimously.**

**Valente: Requested a motion to approve minutes of the June 28, 2007 meeting. Motion by JT, 2nd by ET, approved unanimously.**

**Valente: Reviewed the Alternate Committee Member's voting rights.**

**Valente: asked JD to present financial report**

**DaSilva: Reviewed FY 07 and overbudget amount. Explained the overbudget amount was higher because the invoice for the ads in the Warren Times in the amount of \$587.25 was kicked out to next fiscal year by the Treasurer. Since the ads are running in FY08, the cost hits the books in FY08. 2008 budget was reduced to \$2500.00.**

**DaSilva: No expenses in July, but we do have future expenses. Website amount of \$425.00 includes inflation. Secretary stipend of \$1,200. At this point, due to Future Funds Committed and this invoice for the ads, Committee's budget balance is \$287.75 for FY08. Suggested we reduce the size of future ads to save money.**

**Theberge: Two ads already ran and the last was running tomorrow – too late to change.**

**Theberge: Suggested if things get tight, return to Town Council and request funds.**

**Valente: Agreed – Committee is close to \$3,000 every year. Not**

**concerned at this point. Will go back to Town Council if things getting tight.**

**Valente: We will keep an eye on it.**

**DaSilva: Only thing coming up is reprinting Rules and Regulations and Standards and Guidelines.**

**Read: Suggested printing a one piece stuffer with new rules and regulations for commercial buildings rather than reprinting the entire document if that is all that is changing.**

**DaSilva: Made a motion to approve two vouchers for this month:**

**\$90 Lakeville Computer. Motion by JD, 2nd by JT, approved unanimously**

**\$100 secretary stipend. Motion by JD, 2nd by ET, approved unanimously**

**DaSilva: Noted incorrect website printed on new brochures. Suggested to print labels and cover the incorrect address. Also, ad in the Times may have the Building Inspector's phone number and not the Town Planner.**

**Valente: Requested an update on the status report.**

**Ramos: Updates given**

**Theberge: Would like to get a copy to the Town Council**

**Valente: Requested KR draft a letter to the Town Council and cc Michelle Maher. Letter should come from him. If the Town Council would like a formal presentation he will attend. A summary of activity will also be provided.**

**Collins: Questioned 90 Balen Street on the report.**

**Valente: Must be 90 Baker Street. Remove 90 Balen Street and add the address for Old Warren Marina and Tony's Wharf.**

**Valente: Requested an update on the Demolition Ordinance.**

**Theberge: Presented a handout to the group and mentioned his meeting with Michelle Maher, Town Planner.**

**Valente: Tried to summarize, "after talking about the demolition ordinance, what evolved out of the discussion last time, may be we were talking about a renovation out of control and goes into a demolition.**

**Theberge: Michelle Maher pointed him in the direction of the way things might go.**

**Treat: Requested a breakout of structures within the National Historic District, Voluntary Historic District and 100 + year old structures outside the district.**

**Valente: Thought 50% were in the National Historic District and the remaining 50% fell into the other two categories.**

**Collins: Sees this Demolition Ordinance as a way to save the streetscape.**

**Valente: After much discussion, returned back to the demolition ordinance. Agreed to ET's restatement of the same footprint, architectural structure and material use consistent with the neighborhood. Asked KR to retype ET's notes on page 2. This issue will be readdressed next month.**

**Theberge: Requested the group provide suggestions/comments/alternatives to the proposed demolition ordinance.**

**Valente: Correspondence**

**Ramos: Handed out a sample of the new letterhead, Louise Ornstein letter, Corliss Institute memo and Giovanni Cicione letter. Copies provided as an FYI.**

**Valente: Requested any items under Other**

**Read: Handed KR items to be filed.**

**Treat: Attended an open meetings law ethics meeting and gave KR the handouts for reference and to be filed.**

**Theberge: Requested a motion to approve his presenting the Tourister recommendations to the Planning Board. Motion by PR, 2nd by JT, passed unanimously.**

**Valente: Requested a motion to adjourn. Motion by JT, 2nd by ET and passed unanimously at 9:10pm**